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VISION STATEMENT

As home to Florida's capitol, Leon County is a welcoming, diverse, healthy, and vibrant community, recognized as a great place to live, work and raise a family. Residents and visitors alike enjoy the stunning beauty of the unspoiled natural environment and a rich array of educational, recreational, cultural and social offerings for people of all ages. Leon County government is a responsible steward of the community's precious resources, the catalyst for engaging citizens, community, business and regional partners, and a provider of efficient services, which balance economic, environmental, and quality of life goals.

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Saturday, January 24, 2015

WHERE

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Greetings:

On behalf of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners, I welcome you to the 2015 Sustainable Communities Summit.

This summit builds on the efforts the County began by first hosting the 2008 Climate Action Summit, which evolved into our ongoing Sustainable Communities Summit occurring in 2010 and 2012. It is encouraging to witness the community's continued and ever-growing support for expanding our awareness and taking action to create a more sustainable future. Leon County is honored to serve the role of convener by providing a platform for collaborative learning. Together we will explore how food is linked to our health, economy, and environment. Collectively we can all further the food movement.

As the Chairman, I can assure you the Board takes its sustainability efforts seriously. Our commitment to sustainability is deeper than any individual initiative, it is a foundation of our organization. It is directly reflected in the Leon County Government vision statement, which in part reads, "Leon County government is a responsible steward of the community's precious resources, the catalyst for engaging citizens, community and regional partners, and a provider of efficient services, which balance economic, environmental and quality of life goals." This Summit is a shining example of our vision going beyond words and directly into action to improve "good food" consumed locally.

We are privileged to have partners like you engaged in creating a more sustainable future.

Thank you for attending and investing in OUR community!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ann Lindley".

Mary Ann Lindley
Chairman
Leon County Board of County Commissioners



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Welcome!

As County Administrator, I place a strong focus on your local government not only connecting with our community but directly engaging you as a citizen and adding value to your daily life. What better example of this commitment than this year's Food For Us: Sustainable Communities Summit. As the event tag line says, "We're All at the Table Together." Collaboration and partnership are necessary for the success of any venture, and Leon County Government is grateful to have partners like the Tallahassee Food Network, Sustainable Tallahassee, Red Hills Online Market, Whole Foods, New Leaf Market Co-Op, and the other great community organizations working to promote local food.

Since founding the Sustainability program in 2008, Leon County Government has built a record of ongoing support for local food production and small farms. Strengthening the local food movement is seen as a vital element in the County's overall sustainability mission. Specific to food, in 2012, Leon County adopted a formal garden program establishing support for gardens. To date, Leon County Government has established three formal community gardens on County lands and grants have been provided to 13 "Stakeholder" gardens. Leon County is also a proud partner of Sustainable Tallahassee, working together to promote the "Good Food" initiative.

And as we continue to grow and develop, Leon County Government remains committed to thinking sustainably as we build new facilities; improve transportation corridors; seek ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle; and provide critical day-to-day government services. The commitment to stewardship is clearly represented in the Leon County Government's core values and core practices, which guide all that we do as an organization.

May the events of today provide you a wealth of information and new, inspiring ideas. It is engaged people like you that shape this community into the place we call home.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Vincent S. Long".

Vincent S. Long
County Administrator

THE GOOD FOOD GOAL

We are convening this gathering to inspire community-wide movement to grow “good food” consumed in our community.

The ideal is for food to be: affordable, healthful, sustainably produced, and locally originated.

Our goal is to make progress toward this ideal, while recognizing that attainment of each area is constrained by many factors. As individuals, we have different circumstances that affect our food decisions. Yet, collectively, we can have a large impact by how we spend our food dollars. Each of us has power because we depend on food on a daily basis.

This event seeks to empower everyone present to better appreciate how we are all a part of the food system, how we are connected by it, and how we can make it better through actions large and small.

The summit is intended to provide a forum for discussing how the community as a whole can assist in making our food system more sustainable. From the keynote speakers and a greater understanding of the actors already at work in our community, we will gain inspiration and ideas for moving forward.

The pursuit of the “good food” goal must acknowledge four realms: health, accessibility, the economy and the environment. Only through an engaged community can we ensure success at reaching the central objective of a sustainable food system.

Together we will discuss the challenges of:

- How we can grow our local food economy to create jobs; rebuilding our local foodshed. How we can help our food movement capture a larger portion of the food system.
- How we can improve the health of community members by making good food more available and affordable.



THANKS TO OUR ROUND TABLE PARTNERS

We wish to thank community volunteers and staff who have dedicated heartfelt work toward planning and publicizing this gathering. Our special thanks are extended to the Summit's Round Table Partners, knowing their commitment and input is key.

In addition to acknowledging their tremendous work and leadership within the local food movement, these partners are directly responsible for identifying key actors and initiatives, many also contributed greatly to the forthcoming report about the status of the local food movement in our community.

Georgia Ackerman, *Tall Timbers*
Courtney Atkins, *Whole Child Leon*
John Baker, *City of Tallahassee*
William Butler, *FSU Dept. Urban & Regional Planning*
Melissa Dancer Brown, *Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare*
Jim Davis, *Sustainable Tallahassee*
Louise Divine, *Red Hills Small Farm Alliance*
Rosanne Dunkelberger, *Rowland Publishing*
Richard English, *Second Harvest*
Heather Fusilier, *Working Well*
Michelle Gomez, *Greater Frenchtown's Heritage Hub & Marketplace*
Jiwuan Haley, *Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department*
James Howcroft, *Leon County Schools*
Lucas Lindsay, *DOMI Ventures*
Bakari McClendon, *Tallahassee Food Network*
Heather Mitchell, *United Way*
Miaisha Mitchell, *COPE & Frenchtown Revitalization Council*
Larry Peterson, *Co-Founder of Sustainable Tallahassee*
Ben Pingree, *Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Council*
Stefanie Prevatt, *Leon County Cooperative Extension*
Wes Raley, *Raley's Confectionary & Food Incubator Project*
Cathy Reed, *Leon County Schools*
Janet Roach, *Leon County Tourism Development*
Mary Russ, *Whole Foods*
RoseAnn Scheck, *Department of Health*
Alexis Simoneau, *Tallahassee Food Network*
Terry Steaple, *Florida Blue*
Elizabeth Swiman, *FSU Sustainability*
June Wiaz, *New Leaf Market Co-op*

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES SUMMIT 2015 SCHEDULE

9:00	Registration
9:30	Welcoming Remarks
9:40	<p>Our Community Snapshot</p> <p>Five local subject matter experts will share their insight on the components of a sustainable food system and how the different segments of our community fit together.</p>
10:00	<p>Moving the Community Forward</p> <p>Each of us is a "co-creator," a citizen with the power to impact the community and to help create a sustainable local food system. What kind of co-creator are you?</p>
10:10	<p>Keynote Speakers</p> <p>Karen Washington - Healthy foods builds healthy communities. The role urban agriculture has on fostering healthy communities.</p> <hr/> <p>Philip Ackerman-Leist - Rebuilding the Foodshed: How to create a local, sustainable, and secure food system.</p>
11:45	LUNCH
12:20	<p>Setting the Table</p> <p>Drawing from our diverse personal and professional backgrounds, we will develop a collaborative vision for a sustainable food system.</p>
12:40	<p>G.R.O.W.ing Together</p> <p>Prioritizing specific initiatives that can grow the local food movement.</p>
1:10	<p>Cultivating Richness</p> <p>Collectively develop potential next steps in the process of creating a sustainable local food system.</p>
1:55	Wrap Up & Celebrate the Good Work
Post-Event Mixer Hosted by Tallahassee Food Network	

HOSTING A MORE SUSTAINABLE SUMMIT

We are striving to host this event with the lightest environmental footprint possible. Our efforts include:

Event Hosting:

- When possible, event banners and signs were printed on reused material.
- The dimensions and number of pages in the program booklet were kept as low as possible to reduce printing and paper needs. The program cover meets the following standards: FSC (Forest Stewardship Council), PCF (Processed Chlorine Free), Green Seal Certified, carbon neutral, and 100% recycled. In addition, the program is printed on 100% recycled paper with eco-friendly inks.
- The nametags you are wearing were collected after the 2012 Summit and reused. There will be a volunteer at the end of the Summit to collect them. Please help us with this effort.
- The FSU Turnbull Conference Center was specifically chosen because of its designation as a LEED Silver certified building.

Food:

- The meals and snacks served are made from organic and locally sourced ingredients. More details about the Summit's menu are on page 16.
- Table centerpieces double as a snack! Fruit and energy bars provided by local partners. See your centerpiece for more details.
- All unserved food will be donated to local charity. All food leftovers will be collected on-site and composted by Compost Community.
- All cutlery and dinnerware are washable, thereby avoiding unnecessary waste.

Waste:

- In addition to eliminating food waste, widespread efforts have been made to host a zero-waste event.
- The paper Growing Green bags are made from 100% recycled content with guaranteed minimum of 95% post-consumer paper.
- All garbage bins have been removed or covered in an effort to raise awareness of one's own waste production.
- Cloth linens will be used instead of single-use table covers.
- Recycling bins are placed throughout the Turnbull Center, many of which are ClearStream containers. These containers are available for your special events at no cost, simply by contacting Leon County Recycling at (850) 606-1800.

YOUTH WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

In an effort to engage the entire family in the discussion of our food system, youth ages 8 to 15 are engaging in a workshop today as well. Hosted in partnership with Leon County 4-H and iGrow.

9:00	Registration
9:30	Icebreakers and Introductions
10:00	Understanding Our Food System Explore the parts of the food system through role play and ways youth can influence each of the components.
10:40	Where Does My Food Come From? Map the "roots" of various foods: Where they come from and how they got here.
11:10	LUNCH
11:45	All About Composting Learn what composting is, why it's important, and how to do it.
12:30	You Can Grow Your Own! Create a compostable newspaper seed starting pot and learn how to grow your own food.
1:00	Healthy and Delicious! Make snacks that taste good and are good for you!
1:50	Pledge and Farewell
Post-Event Mixer Hosted by Tallahassee Food Network	

"Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them."
 – Lady Bird Johnson



"You know, sometimes people think food is a privilege. Food isn't a privilege, it's a right. And we want people to exercise that right to fresh, healthy produce in their neighborhood, and that's what we're all about."

- Karen Washington



KEYNOTE SPEAKER KAREN WASHINGTON

Karen Washington spent 37 years working as a physical therapist in New York City. Long ago, she realized many of her clients had health problems that stemmed from their food choices. This understanding sparked her involvement in the food movement. Over a period of thirty years, Washington worked with Bronx neighborhoods to turn empty lots into community gardens and started a City Farms Market, providing garden fresh vegetables from neighborhood urban farms and community gardens to the low-income area. She is a Just Food board member and Just Food Trainer, a board member and former president of the New York City Community Garden Coalition, and a co-founder Black Urban Growers (BUGS). She has been awarded many accolades for her community involvement, advocacy, and gardening; most recently the James Beard Foundation Leadership Award for "the impact her leadership has had on the revitalization of neighborhoods in the Bronx through the establishment of urban gardens, as well as her national appearances to promote green jobs, healthy diets, and community gardens."

LEON COUNTY HIGHLIGHT COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRAM

Community gardens provide nutrition, physical activity, community engagement, safety, and economic vitality for a neighborhood and its residents. Leon County has a program to support two types of community gardens:

I. COMMUNITY GARDENS:

Gardens created on County property, which are operated and maintained by citizens, to grow food for use by participating gardeners.

II. STAKEHOLDER GARDENS:

Gardens established and operated on private property for which Leon County provides ancillary support. These gardens are for civic purposes including education, response to food security deficits in neighborhoods, revitalization, and/or neighborhood beautification.

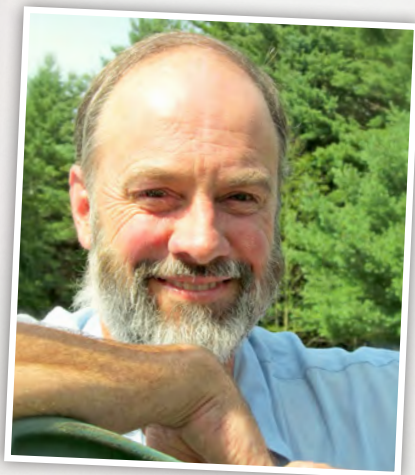
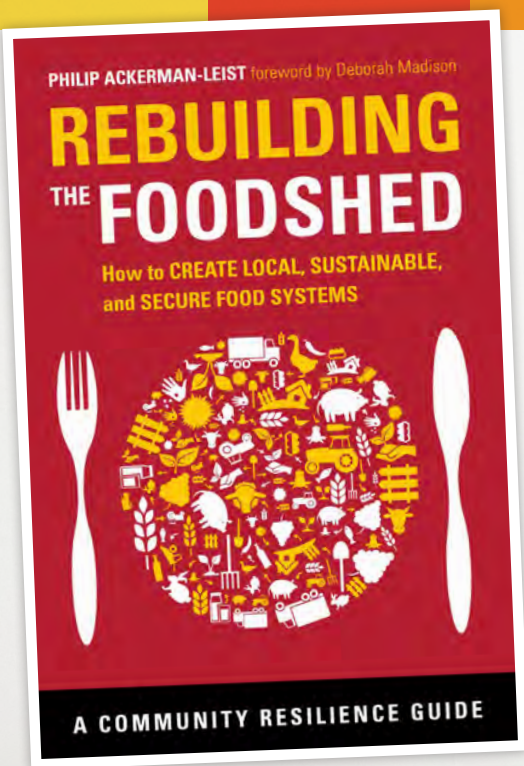
The County program provides three kinds of assistance: 1) a grant program for financial assistance; 2) material assistance that includes mulch; and, 3) in conjunction with Leon County Cooperative Extension, technical consultation to promote food-growing success and adoption of sustainable gardening practices.

Are you an interested gardener? Go to **www.GrowingGreen.org** or contact the Leon County Office of Sustainability to learn more.

Email: Sustainability@LeonCountyFL.gov



Fort Braden Community Garden



"If agriculture is to be "Great" in any capital "G" kind of way, then we simply have to view ourselves more as food citizens than as food consumers.

Citizens will studiously delegate decisions about food and agriculture to people who will be stewards of the common good; consumers will merely relegate those decisions to someone else. Better yet, citizens will take it upon themselves to create more just and resilient food systems. And not just local food systems, but community-based food systems."

- Philip Ackerman-Leist

KEYNOTE SPEAKER PHILIP ACKERMAN-LEIST

Professor of Sustainable Food Systems at Green Mountain College, Philip Ackerman-Leist is the author of books *Up Tunket Road: The Education of a Modern Homesteader* (2010) and *Rebuilding the Foodshed: How to Create Local, Sustainable, and Secure Food Systems* (2013). As a farmer and a teacher, he has extensive first-hand experience with farming and food systems. In addition to operating his own farm and having established the college's 25 acre organic farm, he also founded and directs the nation's first online graduate program in food systems. He brings an academic perspective and a farmer's sensibilities to the economic analysis of food systems, without losing sight of the things that are most important.

LEON COUNTY HIGHLIGHT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Through the Sustainable Communities Summit, the Leon County Office of Sustainability will conduct an exploration of economic development opportunities related to our local foodsystem. With the support of a grant from the State of Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity, this year's Summit will identify the gaps in our local food system and help to chart a course to fill those gaps, paving the way for a truly local and sustainable food economy.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY MATTERS PROGRAM

In partnership with the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library system, the Leon County Office of Sustainability hosts the "Sustainable Community Matters" Program - a series of educational sessions that focus on various aspects of sustainable living. Several recent sessions have covered gardening or food topics, such as "Planning your Spring Food Garden," "Good Plant, Bad Plant," and "Sustainable Food and You."

These workshops offers participants practical ideas they can use at home. The programs are part of Leon County's ongoing commitment to build a stronger, more sustainable community by creating opportunities for citizens to learn from local experts across a spectrum of sustainability fields.

To join the mailing list and learn more about our future workshops, please visit us at **www.GrowingGreen.org** or email us at Sustaiability@LeonCountyFl.gov.



LUNCH MENU

Today's menu was carefully selected in an effort to serve "good food," striking a balance between personal health, environmental impact, economic limitations, and cultural accessibility. Though some concessions had to be made due to the size of the audience and the availability of produce in the middle of January, the lunch provided features local, seasonal, organic, and readily compostable fare, with options to satisfy everyone from vegan to meat lover. **We hope you enjoy!**

Many thanks to **Madison Social** for creating and preparing these delicious options!

- **BBQ Pork Wrap**

Pulled pork from **Moore Pigs** is tossed with house made **Orchard Pond Organics** honey BBQ sauce and topped with lemon coleslaw featuring lemons from **Sanguon's Organics**, Napa cabbage from **Blue Ridge Farm**, and carrots from **Full Earth Farm**, all wrapped in an organic wheat wrap.

- **Seminole Squash Wrap**

In this organic wheat wrap, you will find Seminole Squash from **Sanguon's Organics** roasted in salt and **Lucky Goat** coffee, lettuce greens from **Turkey Hill Farms**, goat cheese crumbles* from Sweet Grass Dairy, dried cranberries, and **KBH Farms** pecans candied in **Orchard Pond Organics** wildflower honey.*

*Vegan option will have plain pecans and no goat cheese.

- **Sweet Potato Chips**

On the side, **iGrow** sweet potatoes in the form of house made spiral sweet potato chips.

- **Fresh Baked Cookies**

A selection of freshly baked vegan cookies are available for dessert.



COMMUNITY PARTNER SUSTAINABLE TALLAHASSEE

Sustainable Tallahassee promotes sustainability, environmental stewardship, and economic vitality in our community through education and collaboration. We work to effect change on an area-wide scale by facilitating community discussion and advocacy.

The Good Food Initiative – In partnership with Leon County and the City of Tallahassee, this yearlong initiative aims to engage the community on the topic of our local food system.

Efforts will include:

- Presenting to local civic groups, churches and interested organizations
- Assisting local food-based businesses host outreach events
- Increasing public awareness of local food initiatives around growing, buying, selling and consumption of local foods
- Collaborating with a local organizations in providing an Earth Day food-themed event
- Working to increase community, school, and home gardening in the county and city

Sustainable Tallahassee is an all volunteer organization that depends on memberships, donations, and volunteers to further our initiatives.

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The Leon County Office of Sustainability wants to welcome each of you.

Our Purpose

The Office of Sustainability's mission is to enhance our community's environmental, economic, and social resilience by promoting adoption of sustainability practices within County government and the community at large.

What We Do

In February 2009, the Board established the Leon County Office of Sustainability. The office serves to lead internal, sustainable changes for Leon County Government and works to support sustainability efforts throughout the community. Over the past six years the Office has been actively engaged in community activities and working to bring a myriad of resources together. In addition, with the help of the County's staff in various work areas, operational changes are being made throughout County services and programs to ensure the County is walking the walk and not just talking the talk.

How We Do It

The Office of Sustainability provides leadership, education, policy analysis, project development, and measurement and accountability for the County's sustainability efforts. The County's efforts focus on energy conservation, waste reduction and recycling, green building practices and products, educational outreach and more.

We Can't Do It Alone!

Pursuing a sustainable future takes a team approach. Various Departments and Divisions within the County contribute to our goals, such as Facilities Management, Cooperative Extension, Solid Waste, Fleet Management, and Parks & Recreation. However, this is just one half. Without community partners and passionate citizens, our efforts would prove inadequate. Most importantly, thank you for attending this Summit and for the individual efforts you are putting forth.

In Service,
Robert Mills
Director of Resource Stewardship

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

CONNECTING YOU WITH THE FOOD YOU EAT

Helping with your plant needs:

- Identify pests
- Diagnose diseases
- Recommend best garden practices
- Low cost soil testing kits and interpretation
- Demonstration garden tours

Helping with your food needs:

- Nutrition classes
- Food preparation and healthy meals
- Food preservation
- Food safety concerns
- 4-H youth development culinary camps and clubs

Contact Us:

Leon County Cooperative Extension
(850) 606-5200

LEON COUNTY PROUDLY WELCOMES **MOLLY JAMESON** ABOARD!

Molly Jameson spent three years working at Turkey Hill farm here in Tallahassee and just recently started as the Leon County Sustainable Agriculture and Community Food Systems Agent with UF/IFAS Cooperative Extension.



LEON COUNTY HIGHLIGHT

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Services provided to the Community:

- Community collection events for **Household Hazardous Waste** are held the first Saturday of every month, September through May. Leon County handles disposal and reuse of hazardous materials at no charge.
- Visit the **Swap Shop**, where you can leave unwanted items and take others home.
- **ReNew Paint**, five gallon repurposed paint, is available for free.
- Yard debris picked up by Leon County is chipped to mulch, which is available for pickup both as course mulch, for walking paths and bed margins, and fine mulch, for soil amendments.
- **Waste Reduction Education** is available to the public in the form of informational programs and tours or interactive presentations on recycling, reuse and waste disposal.

For more information, call the Leon County Solid Waste Division at (850) 606-1800 or visit www.LeonCountyFL.gov/SolidWaste.





Frank & Peper Willis

COMMUNITY PARTNER THE OLD WILLIS DAIRY

The Leon County Office of Sustainability would like to give a special thanks to Frank & Peper Willis for graciously hosting the post-Summit Round Table meeting.

To the casual visitor, the Old Willis Dairy is a walk back in time to a bygone era of quaint, simple living. But to Frank and Peper Willis, the Dairy is simply "home." Frank Willis' grandparents settled on the property in the 1930s, and his grandmother Emma Kate lived there for decades until age 102. The dairy was a premier business in the North Florida region, and it remained in operation as cornerstone of the area's agricultural economy until the 1970s. Today, the historic dairy barn features renovations and additions that indicate an extraordinary commitment to family history, sustainable building, and historic preservation.

The Willises saved and reused all they could from "Nana's house" and the old barn. During the renovation, original building materials were salvaged and utilized in the renovation as much as possible to retain the historic character of the property. Even the landscape features heirlooms and native species. Further enhancing the "green-ness" of the property's restoration, the old house was upgraded with modern sustainable technologies and appliances. The Old Willis Dairy, a masterpiece of North Florida's heritage, is truly a labor of love and we are honored to host a meeting to reflect on the future of our food system in such a historical setting.



COMMUNITY PARTNER TALLAHASSEE FOOD NETWORK

Overview

- Tallahassee Food Network (TFN) is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit regional coalition of the global movement working to grow community-based, good food systems.
- Our vision is an educated world that has access to "Good Food," which is community-based, healthy, green, fair, accessible, and culturally appropriate.

Programs

- iGrow "Whatever You Like" Youth Development program
- Collards and Cornbread Gathering – monthly networking opportunity for people engaged with good food projects and opportunities
- Good Food System Development – Strategies include: education, asset-based community development, community engagement, economic development, advocacy/policy development, technical assistance

Our style is mutual benefit. How can our work connect and overlap with other efforts?

www.TallahasseeFoodNetwork.org

Email: TallahasseeFoodNetwork@gmail.com

LEON COUNTY HIGHLIGHT FOSTERING PARTNERSHIPS

- **Local Food Community** – Through the Sustainable Communities Summit, Leon County is working closely with the stakeholders in our local food movement to maximize opportunities for dialogue and to promote public awareness of the relationships between food producers, marketing associations, social service agencies, and economic development efforts. These stakeholders include the Tallahassee Food Network, the United Way, and the Red Hills Small Farm Alliance, and many others.
- **FAMU Institute for Public Health** – Leon County assisted the FAMU Institute for Public Health in securing a USDA grant, awarded in September 2014, that supports research into barriers and opportunities for increasing the use of farmer's markets by low-income families.
- **Supporting Local Farmers** – Leon County works with our community partners, like New Leaf Market Co-op, to promote awareness of our local agricultural community. Leon County sponsors New Leaf Market Co-op's annual Farm Tour, at which staff hosted educational booths and created an on-line map of the farm. To learn more information, visit www.GrowingGreen.org/FarmTour2014
- **FSU Planning Studio** – A class of FSU graduate students from the Department of Urban & Regional Planning developed a preliminary regional food assessment as part of their master's degree study in Spring 2013. Leon County staff served on the project's review panel, actively supported the research, and provided networking and professional development opportunities to the students. An opportunity to support a subsequent project that would allow further exploration of the economic development potential for the local small growers is also being explored.
- **Sustainable Tallahassee** – Together with the City of Tallahassee, Leon County has partnered with Sustainable Tallahassee to provide a yearlong initiative aimed at engaging the community on the topic of our local food system.



CHECK OUT SEEDS FROM A LEON COUNTY LIBRARY NEAR YOU NO LATE FEES!

What can Leon County citizens get with a library card from the County's Public Library system? For starters, cardholders can borrow books, music, and movies; access online news, magazines, and databases; download audio- and e-books; and much more.

In addition to all of these useful resources, the Leon County Public Library has announced a new service available to cardholders. With your library card, you can now grow vegetables!

The County's Public Library system wants to support its patron's desires to learn to grow their own food. The "food revolution" has come to Tallahassee in the last few years. We now have more farmer's markets, more grocery stores, and restaurants featuring organic and locally grown produce, cheeses, and meats; and our residents are raising their own vegetables at homes and at community gardens.

Starting January 24, 2015, each Library location will offer sample-size packets of vegetable seeds selected by horticulturalists at the Leon County Extension Office. Different seeds best suited to Leon County's climate and soils will be available for each growing season throughout the year.

With your library card, check out up to three seed packets a month — and the seeds are yours to keep! Ask your librarian for information on how to grow the seeds into tasty vegetables.

Try growing vegetables for the first time, or try growing something new. Share your results and post pictures on the Library's Facebook page.

Have Growing Questions?

Ask Your Leon County Extension Office:
(850) 606-5200

Check out seeds from your local
Leon County Library



LEROY COLLINS
**LEON COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Inspiring a Love of Reading and a Life of Learning



"Innovations that are guided by smallholder farmers, adapted to local circumstances and sustainable for the economy and environment will be necessary to ensure food security in the future."

- Bill Gates

Thank You for attending the
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